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Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

In response to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action dated September 22, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 10 of this paper.